

## Introduced by Senator Perata

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 385.5 of the vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1719, as introduced, Perata. Low-speed vehicle: definition.

Under existing law, for purposes of the Vehicle Code, a low-speed vehicle" is defined as a motor vehicle, other than a motor truck, having 4 wheels on the ground an unladen weight of 1800 pounds or less, that is capable of propelling itself at a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour and a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, on a paved level surface.

This bill would define "low-speed vehicle" as having the same meaning as that term is defined under a federal regulation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 385.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     385.5. A "low-speed vehicle" ~~is a motor vehicle, other than a~~  
4     ~~motor truck, having four wheels on the ground and an unladen~~  
5     ~~weight of 1,800 pounds or less, that is capable of propelling itself~~  
6     ~~at a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour and a maximum speed~~  
7     ~~of 25 miles per hour, on a paved level surface~~ *has the same*  
8     ~~meaning as that term is defined in Section 571.3 of Title 49 of the~~  
9     ~~Code of Federal Regulations.~~ For the purposes of this section, a  
10    "low-speed vehicle" is not a golf cart, except when operated

- 1 pursuant to Section 21115 or 21115.1. A “low-speed vehicle” is
- 2 also known as a “neighborhood electric vehicle.”

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